

“director of diplomatic sales” to generate high-priced business among foreign leaders and diplomatic delegations;

Whereas, the Joint Committee on Taxation reviewed the tax returns of President Richard Nixon in 1974 and made the information public;

Whereas, the Committee on Ways and Means used the authority under section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 in 2014 to make public the confidential tax information of 51 taxpayers;

Whereas, the Committee on Ways and Means has now voted three times along party lines to continue to cover-up President Trump's tax returns;

Whereas, the House of Representatives has now refused nine times to act on President Trump's tax returns;

Whereas, the American people have the right to know whether or not their President is operating under conflicts of interest related to international affairs, tax reform, Government contracts, or otherwise;

Whereas, the House of Representatives undermines its dignity and the integrity of its proceedings by continuing the cover-up of President Trump's tax returns: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives shall, one, immediately request the tax return and return information of Donald J. Trump for tax years 2006 through 2015, as provided under section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as well as the tax return and return information with respect to the President's businesses of each business entity disclosed by Donald J. Trump on his Office of Government Ethics Form 278e, specifically each corporation and each partnership within the meaning of subchapter K of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 where he is listed as an officer, director, or equivalent, or exercises working control; and

Two, postpone consideration of tax reform legislation until the elected Representatives of the American people in this House have obtained President Trump's tax returns and return information to ascertain how any changes to the Tax Code might financially benefit the President.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Texas will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ACCOUNTABILITY AND WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION ACT OF 2017

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on passage of the bill (S. 1094) to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 368, nays 55, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 307]

YEAS—368

Abraham	Comer	Gonzalez (TX)
Adams	Comstock	Goodlatte
Aderholt	Conaway	Gosar
Aguiar	Connolly	Gottheimer
Allen	Conyers	Gowdy
Amash	Cook	Graves (GA)
Amodei	Cooper	Graves (LA)
Arrington	Correa	Graves (MO)
Babin	Costa	Green, Gene
Bacon	Costello (PA)	Grothman
Banks (IN)	Courtney	Guthrie
Barletta	Cramer	Harper
Barr	Crawford	Harris
Barton	Crist	Hartzler
Beatty	Cuellar	Heck
Bera	Culberson	Hensarling
Bergman	Curbelo (FL)	Herrera Beutler
Biggs	Davidson	Hice, Jody B.
Bilirakis	Davis (CA)	Higgins (LA)
Bishop (GA)	Davis, Danny	Higgins (NY)
Bishop (MI)	Davis, Rodney	Hill
Bishop (UT)	DeFazio	Himes
Black	DeGette	Holding
Blum	Delaney	Hollingsworth
Blumenauer	DeLauro	Hudson
Blunt Rochester	DelBene	Huffman
Bonamici	Demings	Huizenga
Bost	Denham	Hultgren
Boyle, Brendan	Dent	Hunter
F.	DeSantis	Hurd
Brady (PA)	DesJarlais	Issa
Brady (TX)	Deutch	Jenkins (KS)
Brat	Diaz-Balart	Jenkins (WV)
Bridenstine	Dingell	Johnson (LA)
Brooks (AL)	Doggett	Johnson (OH)
Brooks (IN)	Donovan	Jones
Brownley (CA)	Doyle, Michael	Jordan
Buchanan	F.	Joyce (OH)
Buck	Duffy	Kaptur
Bucshon	Duncan (SC)	Katko
Budd	Duncan (TN)	Keating
Burgess	Dunn	Kelly (MS)
Bustos	Emmer	Kelly (PA)
Butterfield	Eshoo	Kennedy
Byrne	Estes (KS)	Khanna
Calvert	Esty (CT)	Kihuen
Capuano	Farenthold	Kildee
Carbajal	Faso	Kilmer
Cárdenas	Ferguson	Kind
Carter (GA)	Fitzpatrick	King (IA)
Carter (TX)	Fleischmann	King (NY)
Cartwright	Flores	Kinzinger
Castor (FL)	Fortenberry	Knight
Castro (TX)	Foster	Krishnamoorthi
Chabot	Fox	Kuster (NH)
Chaffetz	Frankel (FL)	Kustoff (TN)
Cheney	Franks (AZ)	Labrador
Chu, Judy	Frelinghuysen	LaHood
Cicilline	Gabbard	LaMalfa
Clark (MA)	Gaetz	Lamborn
Clay	Gallagher	Lance
Cleaver	Gallego	Langevin
Coffman	Garamendi	Larsen (WA)
Cole	Garrett	Larson (CT)
Collins (GA)	Gibbs	Latta
Collins (NY)	Gohmert	Lawrence

Lawson (FL)	Palazzo	Sherman
Lewis (MN)	Palmer	Shimkus
Lieu, Ted	Panetta	Shuster
Lipinski	Pascrell	Simpson
LoBiondo	Paulsen	Sinema
Loeback	Pearce	Sires
Lofgren	Perlmutter	Slaughter
Long	Perry	Smith (MO)
Loudermilk	Peters	Smith (NE)
Love	Peterson	Smith (NJ)
Lowenthal	Pingree	Smith (TX)
Lowey	Pittenger	Smucker
Lucas	Poe (TX)	Soto
Luetkemeyer	Poliquin	Speier
Lujan Grisham,	Polis	Stefanik
M.	Posey	Stewart
Luján, Ben Ray	Price (NC)	Stivers
MacArthur	Quigley	Swalwell (CA)
Maloney,	Ratcliffe	Takano
Carolyn B.	Reed	Taylor
Maloney, Sean	Reichert	Tenney
Marchant	Renacci	Thompson (CA)
Marino	Rice (SC)	Thompson (PA)
Marshall	Roby	Thornberry
Massie	Roe (TN)	Tiberi
Mast	Rogers (AL)	Tipton
Matsui	Rogers (KY)	Titus
McCarthy	Rohrabacher	Tonko
McCauley	Rokita	Torres
McClintock	Rooney, Francis	Trott
McCollum	Rooney, Thomas	Tsongas
McGovern	J.	Turner
McHenry	Ros-Lehtinen	Upton
McKinley	Rosen	Valladao
McMorris	Roskam	Veasey
Rodgers	Ross	Vela
McNerney	Rothfus	Visclosky
McSally	Rouzer	Wagner
Meadows	Roybal-Allard	Walberg
Meehan	Royce (CA)	Walden
Meeks	Ruiz	Walker
Meng	Ruppersberger	Walorski
Messer	Rush	Walters, Mimi
Mitchell	Russell	Walz
Moolenaar	Rutherford	Webster (FL)
Mooney (WV)	Ryan (OH)	Welch
Moore	Sanford	Wenstrup
Moulton	Sarbanes	Westerman
Mullin	Scalise	Williams
Murphy (FL)	Schiff	Wilson (SC)
Murphy (PA)	Schneider	Wittman
Neal	Schrader	Womack
Newhouse	Schweikert	Woodall
Noem	Scott, Austin	Yarmuth
Nolan	Scott, David	Yoder
Nunes	Sensenbrenner	Yoho
O'Halleran	Sessions	Young (IA)
O'Rourke	Sewell (AL)	Zeldin
Olson	Shea-Porter	

NAYS—55

Barragán	Hastings	Raskin
Bass	Hoyer	Rice (NY)
Beyer	Jackson Lee	Richmond
Brown (MD)	Jayapal	Sánchez
Carson (IN)	Jeffries	Schakowsky
Clarke (NY)	Johnson (GA)	Scott (VA)
Clyburn	Johnson, E. B.	Serrano
Cohen	Kelly (IL)	Smith (WA)
Crowley	Lee	Suozi
DeSaulnier	Levin	Thompson (MS)
Ellison	Lewis (GA)	Vargas
Engel	Lynch	Velázquez
Espallat	McEachin	Wasserman
Evans	Nadler	Schultz
Fudge	Norcross	Waters, Maxine
Green, Al	Pallone	Watson Coleman
Grijalva	Payne	Wilson (FL)
Gutiérrez	Pelosi	Young (AK)
Hanabusa	Pocan	

NOT VOTING—7

Blackburn	Griffith	Weber (TX)
Cummings	Johnson, Sam	
Granger	Napolitano	

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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to record my last vote due to ineffective card. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 307.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Mr. Speaker, I was absent during rollcall votes No. 305, No. 306, and No. 307 due to my spouse's health situation in California. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on the Democratic Motion to Recommit H.R. 2581. I would have voted "nay" on the Passage of H.R. 2581—Verify First Act. I would have also voted "nay" on the Passage of S. 1094—Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act of 2017.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Mariel Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

RECOGNIZING OPHELIA GAINES

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable career of Mrs. Ophelia Gaines, who will retire as executive director of Concerted Services on June 30, 2017.

Mrs. Gaines' career with Concerted Services, a nonprofit action group that focuses on fighting poverty throughout 28 counties in southeast Georgia, has spanned nearly 44 years.

Mrs. Gaines began her work with the company in 1973, traveling door to door in low-income communities, educating families on how to enroll in programs like Head Start, Energy Assistance, and Senior Nutrition.

Mrs. Gaines' altruistic career continued with her decision to teach social work classes at both Georgia Southern University and Savannah State University, enabling young people to carry on her work throughout southeast Georgia.

I am proud to rise today to recognize Mrs. Gaines, and thank her for all of her outstanding contributions to our local communities and to the lives of our fellow Georgians.

WARRIORS CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

(Ms. LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, last night the world watched my home team, the Golden State Warriors, end a historic season by bringing home their second national championship in 3 years.

The Warriors, led by unanimous Finals MVP Kevin Durant and legendary players Steph Curry, Draymond Green, and Klay Thompson, showed the power of teamwork both on and off the court.

The team is an example for young people, showing that if you can work together and trust one another, you can accomplish anything.

Mr. Speaker, these finals against the talented Cleveland Cavaliers were a

thrill to watch. We saw basketball at its best—incredible talent and a real passion from both sides. Thank you to the Warriors team for making our dreams of another championship a reality.

This remarkable team has made history as one of the best ever, winning a record 15 straight games in the playoffs and clinching a 16-to-1 postseason record.

Thank you to Coaches Steve Kerr and Mike Brown, the entire Warriors staff, and all of the talented players on their well-deserved victory.

Throughout this journey, Warriors fans have stayed loyal and faithful, and they deserve this victory as well.

My dear late mother, Mildred Massey, was the Warriors' biggest fan, and I know she is smiling from above. I can't wait to celebrate with all the Warriors fans and players back in Oakland. Go Warriors, go Oakland, go Dub Nation.

CREATING ACCOUNTABILITY AT DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

(Ms. TENNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to applaud the passage of the Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability Act. This important legislation will create a culture of accountability at the VA and begin the process of restoring the VA's sole mission of providing high-quality care for our Nation's veterans.

For far too long, the VA has been plagued with scandal. From years' long wait lists to out-of-control bonuses, the VA needs real reform.

In their selfless service to our great Nation, our veterans have sacrificed so much to protect us. They shouldn't be plagued with difficulty accessing the care that they need and deserve.

As the mother of an Active-Duty U.S. Marine, I am sympathetic to the needs of our veterans. It is among my top priorities to make sure that we advocate for a better, more accountable VA. On behalf of the veterans of the 22nd District of New York, I am pleased to see this legislation pass with bipartisan support.

Today, we are correcting a wrong that has hurt too many of our Nation's heroes. I look forward to seeing the President sign this measure into law and have full confidence in VA Secretary Shulkin's ability to implement the important reforms contained in this critical piece of legislation.

RECOGNIZING SAN PEDRO HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM

(Ms. BARRAGÁN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the San Pedro High

School girls softball team who late last month reclaimed their crown as L.A. City Section Division I champions.

On the night of Friday, May 19, the Pirates won their first city title in 8 years and 17th overall. Star pitcher Cindy Robles persevered through illness to throw a four-hitter with three strikeouts, illustrating her toughness after coming down with a 102-degree fever earlier in the day.

Her teammates were behind her every step of the way, always making the key play at the necessary moment. By rallying together and continually picking each other up, the Pirates girls softball team represents the true spirit of California's 44th Congressional District.

No matter what adversity we might face individually, our community always finds a way to rally together in pursuit of our common goals. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to these strong young women and all they represent.

EXPORT AMERICAN LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last week, Cheniere Energy, headquartered in Houston, Texas, delivered its first liquified natural gas shipment out of the Sabine Pass terminal to northern Europe, to the Netherlands, and to Poland. This follows shipments to southern Europe from earlier this year.

Put simply, this is a tremendous game changer. Exporting LNG is not just an economic issue, it is a geopolitical security issue. These shipments help thwart Russian aggression and weaken Russia's stranglehold over Europe, and it is about time.

Under Secretary Perry's leadership, the Energy Department is finally approving licenses for LNG terminals to ship LNG overseas.

Our natural gas is cheaper and more abundant in supply than anywhere in the world. Harnessing our domestic energy resources and exporting some of it to our friends and to our allies around the world makes sense for our economy and for our national security.

We should apply the Blue Bell ice cream philosophy to our domestic energy resources. It is: Use what we can and sell the rest.

And that is just the way it is.

STUDENT LOAN DEBT BURDEN

(Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today, Americans are more burdened by student loan debt than ever. The statistics are truly stunning. They owe over \$1.4 trillion in student loan debt spread out among 44 million borrowers. That is about \$600